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Go... Bananas

▶ 3-day Banana Festival begins in city
▶ 130 varieties, fibre products on display

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (GA&KS)- A 16-feet soaring single banana fruit bunch with more than 1,000 fruits in multiple clusters is quite rare. This unique fruit, known as the '1,000-finger banana,' is the highlight of the three-day Banana Festival, which opened at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in the city this morning.

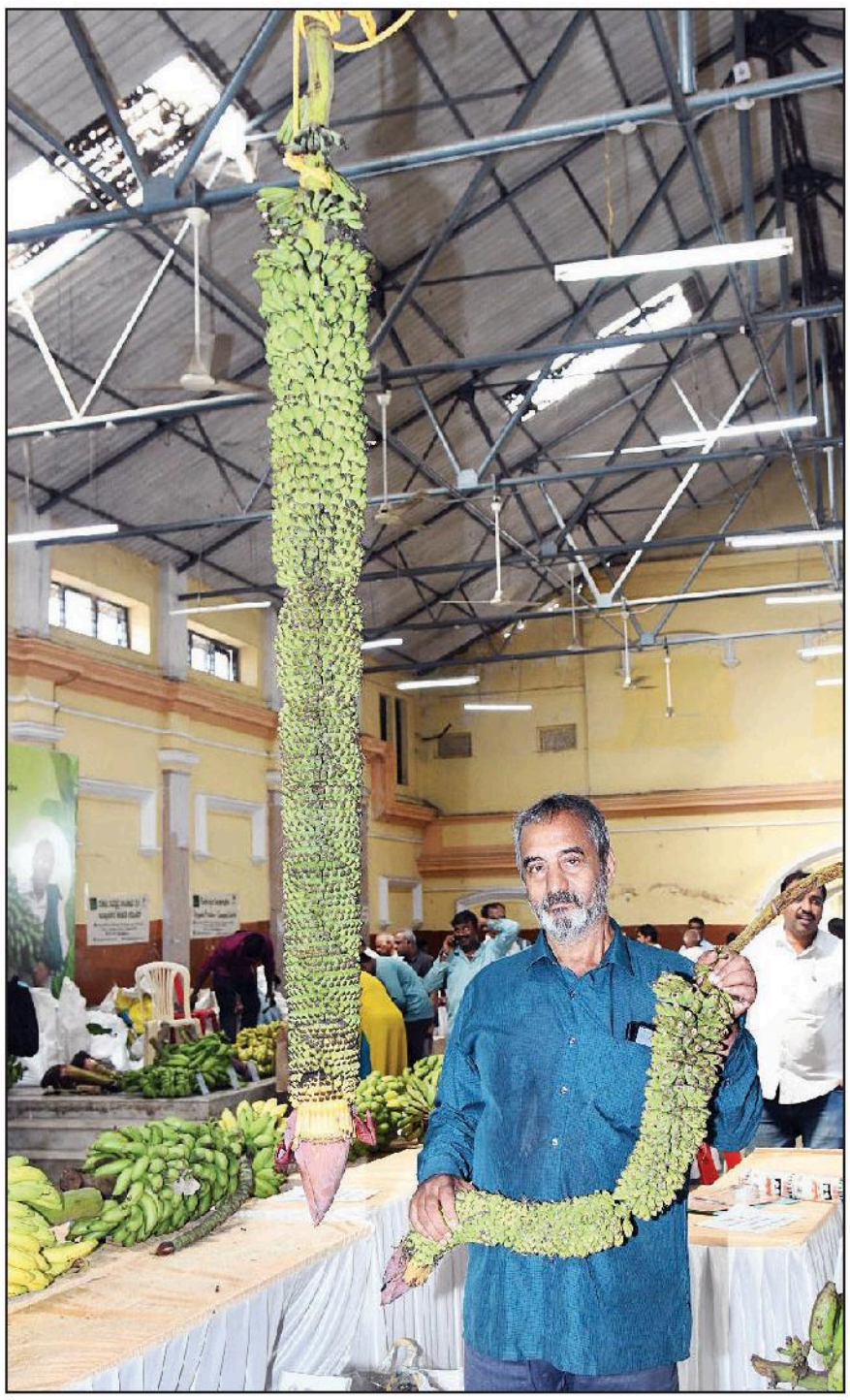
This variety, also known as 'pisang seribu' in Malay or 'ayiram poovan' locally in Kerala, bears up to 1,000 small, 1.5-2-inch fruits and is the prized possession of Abaneesh from Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, one of the participants at the festival. He is the son of Vinod Sahadevan Nair, known for conserving many local and exotic varieties of bananas.

Organised by Sahaja Samrudha in collaboration with Akshaya Kalpa Organics, the festival celebrates the diversity of native bananas. It showcases 130 banana varieties, along with value-added products, banana fibre crafts and banana-based cuisines which are on sale and display at the venue.

Film Director Sumana Kittur, who inaugurated the Banana Festival, noted that bananas were once grown extensively in Periyapatna region but regretted that farmers in the area have switched to tobacco cultivation, which she hopes will change.

Manjunath Angadi, Deputy Director of Horticulture Department, praised Sahaja Samrudha for organising this festival for the fifth time in Mysuru. He highlighted that seven lakh metric tonnes of bananas are grown in 20,000 hectares of land in Mysuru district, attributing this success to various Central Government schemes that assisted farmers in cultivating bananas in the district.

(See BANANA on page 7)



THE BANANA MAN: ***Vinod Sahadevan Nair from Kerala, who conserves 550 banana varieties, poses with 16 ft. tall 1,000 fingers banana variety at the Banana Festival, which began at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry this morning.***

BJP stages massive protest against Waqf Board

BJP leaders and workers staging dharna in front of Deputy Commissioner's Office in Siddarthanagar, Mysuru, this morning, as part of the Statewide agitation against Waqf Board.

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (BLU&VNS)- Hundreds of City and District BJP unit workers, as part of Statewide protest against the State Government and Waqf Board staged a massive demonstration under the slogan *'Namma Bhoomi Namma Hakku,'* in front of the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Office at Siddarthanagar in city this morning.

The protesters, who staged a *dharna* inside a specially erected pandal, shouted slogans against the State Government accusing it of being involved in appeasement politics allowing the Waqf Board to claim the lands belonging to the Government, farmers, temples, mutts, churches, burial grounds and even educational institutions.

The protesters also accused the State Government of misusing the power and giving special attention to a particular community. They held placards condemning the State Government, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Waqf Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan and Waqf Board.

(See PROTEST on page 7)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for a Rejoinder to K.B. Ganapathy's Abracadabra titled ***"Modi must put India House in order before he leaves Office"*** *published in* ***SOM*** *on Nov. 19 and 20, 2024 by R. Chandra Prakash. —**Ed***

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

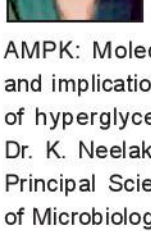
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 22nd November 2024

Ph.D awardees from CFTRI

Mysuru, Nov. 22- The following students, who carried out their research at CSIR-CFTRI this year between July 1 and Sept. 30, have been awarded Ph.D degrees from Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR):

Sangeetha Sher Bahadur Singh - Thesis: *trans*-Ferulic acid and sugar beet pulp-phenolic extract as a potential activators of AMPK: Molecular mechanism and implications in amelioration of hyperglycemia; Supervisor: Dr. K. Neelakanteshwara Patil, Principal Scientist, Department of Microbiology & Fermentation Technology, CFTRI.



P. Sruthi - Thesis: Studies on Phenolic compounds from cashew nut *(Anacardiumoccidentale L.)* testa and its value addition; Supervisor: Dr. M. Madhava Naidu, Chief Scientist, Department of Plantation products, Spices and Flavour Technology, CFTRI.

Raghavakumari Ramesh Sunagar - Thesis: Impact of milling on phenolic profiles of browntop millet and its anti-diabetic potential; Supervisor: Dr. Y.N. Sreerama, Sr. Principal Scientist, Department of Grain Science and Technology, CFTRI.

Sandesh Suresh - Thesis: Production and characterization of bio-diesel from fish discards; Supervisor: Dr. Tanaji Kudre, Principal Scientist, Department of Meat and Marine Science, CFTRI.

Sreevathsan - Thesis: Studies on ozonation for treatment of complex organic waste waters; Supervisor: Dr. Sandeep Mudliar, Chief Scientist, Department of Plant Cell Biotechnology, CFTRI.

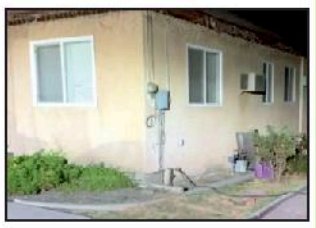
Anusha - Thesis: Anti-aging potential of mealworm *(Tenebrio molitor)* protein-enriched fruit and vegetable-based products in *in-vitro* and *in-vivo* models; Supervisor: Dr. P.S. Negi, Chief Scientist, Department of Fruits and Vegetable Technology, CFTRI.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

MURUGAN'S FAVOURITE ABODES: ***Thiruchengode and Vayalur are Lord Murugan's favourite abodes. Arunagirinatha sang of Murugan's fondness for these*** *kshetras*, ***said T. Rajarathinam, in a discourse. Thiruchengode is in the Kongu region of Tamil Nadu. Murugan is called Sengottuvelan in this temple. Arunagirinatha refers to the hill as deiva thirumalai, that is, divine hill. On the way to the Muruga shrine in Thiruchengode, there is a place called 'arupatham padi' — the sixty steps. On either side of the steps, there are small spaces hollowed out in the rock, in which one can light oil lamps. There is a sculpture of a five hooded snake on the rock. This place is called 'Sathyavaakkuppadi' — the place where truth prevails. When people have disputes, they go to this place, instead of resorting to legal remedies. Both parties have to swear that whatever they say is the absolute truth. Based on their oaths, disputes are resolved. The symbolism behind this is clear. God is Truth, and if we speak the truth, then that very virtue will save us when we find ourselves in trouble. Thiruchengode is among the oldest Murugan temples in Tamil Nadu.*** *Silappadikaram* ***refers to Thiruchengode. There lived a poet called Gunaseelan in Thiruchengode, and he was a devotee of Murugan. He was challenged by a rival poet, but Murugan came to the rescue, in the guise of a boy grazing cows. The visiting poet composed a verse, but was unable to complete it. The cowherd boy completed it with ease. Amazed, the poet asked him who he was. The boy replied that he was among the least intelligent of Gunaseelan's students. Humbled by his words, the poet regretted his arrogance, and his challenge to Gunaseelan. He then worshipped Murugan at Thiruchengode.*** — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Woman had naked man living under her house



Los Angeles: An elderly woman who thought the noises coming from beneath her home were made by animals was shocked to find a naked man living under her house.

A 93-year-old woman from Los Angeles' El Sereno neighbourhood got the shock of her life after realising that the noises she was hearing from beneath her home over the last few weeks were not made by animals but by a man who had settled there. The woman and her family heard noises under the house during the night, so they assumed they were made by dogs or wild animals passing through the crawl space, but the noises became louder and seemed to be made in response to them walking through the place. They began to suspect that something wasn't right, so they called the Police, who found a naked man who appeared to have been living under the house for quite some time.

Grandma breaks world record for pushups

Beazer: A Canadian grandmother completed 1,575 pushups in one hour, earning her second Guinness World Records title.

Donna Jean Wilde, 59, of Beazer, Alberta, took on the title for the most pushups in one hour (female) and managed to surpass the previous record with 17 minutes of her attempt remaining.

Wilde previously set the record for the longest time in an abdominal plank position (female) at 4 hours, 30 minutes and 11 seconds.

"I had to fight back the happy tears and emotions and keep going. I still felt quite strong and I was aiming for a high number of push ups to complete in the next 17 minutes," Wilde told Guinness World Records.

Wilde's latest record attempt was attended by 11 of her 12 grandkids.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Passing kidney stones can be quite painful, but the stones usually cause no permanent damage if they're recognized in a timely fashion.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T P - Consultant - Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

MOF's talk on 'Constitution: Threats & Response'

Mysuru, Nov. 22- Mysore Open Forum (MOF) has organised a talk on 'Constitution: Threats & Response' by Prof. M. Umapathy, retired Political Science Professor, University of Mysore (UoM), at 10.30 am on Nov. 24 at Kalpa Kshetra Auditorium, 581/1, Vijayanagar 4th Stage, 1st Phase, Mysuru [Mob: 94498-19536].

Dr. Umapathy

Prof. M. Umapathy holds a Post-Doctoral D.Litt. degree in Political Science. He has 55 years of academic experience and specialises in Indian Politics, Public Administration, especially Development Administration.

Apart from Mysore University, his services have been utilised by UPSC, PSC, Administrative Training Institutions, IDS, ISEC and many Universities. He has been on the Editorial Boards of many Journals and has been Life Member and office-bearer of many Associations.

He has authored four books — 1) *Development Debate: The Missing Questions;* 2) *Development Administration: Super or Sub-discipline?;* 3) *History of Local Self-Government in Rural Karnataka;* 4) *Osama Bin Laden, Terrorism and Al Quida* — and nearly 100 Research Papers and Articles.

The talk is open to all.

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Yesterday's level **124.80 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,280.15 feet**	Yesterday's level **2,844.96 feet**
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REALLY...?

- *The name Mickey Mouse was not a random choice. Walt Disney had previously created a cartoon called "Oswald, the Lucky Rabbit", but lost the rights to this character due to disputes with his studio. As a result, Disney decided to create a new cartoon and chose the name Mickey Mouse.*
- *Steamboat Willie was the first Disney cartoon with sound, released on November 18, 1928, and is also celebrated as the birthday of Mickey Mouse.*

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Grandpa was celebrating his 80th birthday...

Little Lilly walked up to him and said, "Don't you hate growing old?"

Grandpa: No, not at all, if I wasn't old, I would be dead!!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 84.43
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 106.83
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.99
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.06

VOICE OF THE READER

Car owner told to pay fine for helmet-less riding!

Sir,

This refers to the news item titled ***'CCTV camera goof-up: Hapless riders asked to pay fine for violation'*** in *Star of Mysore* dated Nov. 20. I also experienced a similar situation.

On Nov. 17 (Sunday), I received a message about helmet-less riding on a vehicle registered in my name. I was quite surprised as I never do such things. Moreover, I am currently working out of India. And I felt it could be my father but he has been wearing a helmet ever since he got his licence more than 50 years ago.

But then I realised, the vehicle they quoted was my car which is a shame. Now I felt it should be the CCTV camera itself which might have made a mistake while reading the registration number.

And today while reading your e-paper report *'CCTV camera goof-up!'* and with so many instances of the Government having lack of funds for development showing up quite daily, now I wonder if there is a link between this fine and the lack of funds with the Government?

Speculations apart, now I have to understand a way to convey this to the Traffic Police about the malfunction but was unable to find an e-mail or a contact to voice my appeal easily.

I request the traffic authorities to also put up a grievance e-mail in the same fine portal so that the people can also post their side of the story. I am an avid reader of *SOM* e-paper. I wish you the best and may the Voices of the Readers grow.

—Vishwas Nagaraju
Germany
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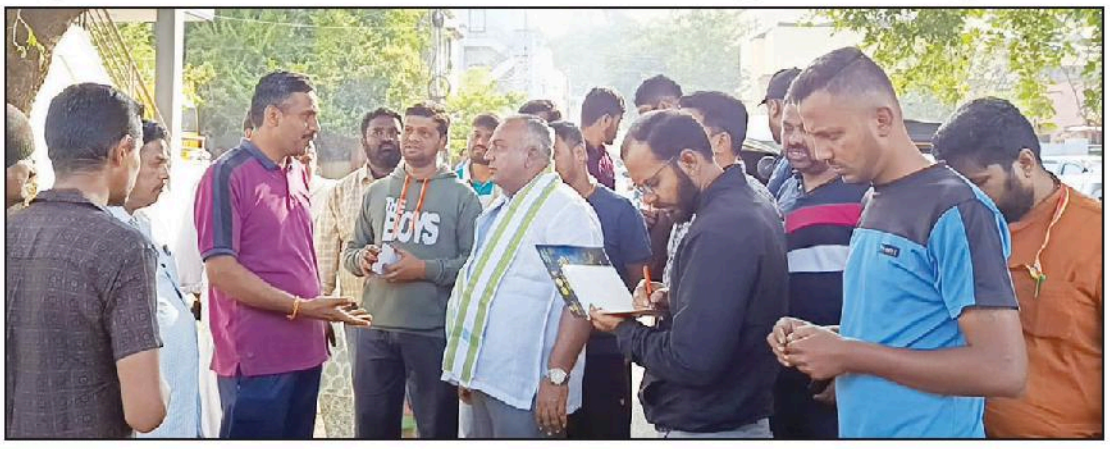
MLA Srivatsa hears public grievances at Jayanagar



Mysuru, Nov. 22 (SBD&DM)- K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa conducted a door-to-door visit to hear public grievances on civic amenities and other infrastructure in Jayanagar, coming under MCC Ward 48 yesterday.

Speaking to presspersons, Srivatsa said he has been conducting *padayatras* in every ward coming under his Constituency for hearing public grievances ever since he became an MLA. Stating that he has already addressed most of them, he said that there were public demands seeking regular trimming of roadside trees, clearing all drains of silt and garbage, periodical cleaning of conservancies etc., in Jayanagar.

BJP Yuva Morcha President Rakesh Gowda, party leaders Pradeep, Jogi Manju, K.G. Ramesh, Sujatha, Ramprasad, Pradeep Kumar, Bhanuprakash, Kishore, Shashi, Keerthi, the MLA's Personnel Assistant Aditya, MCC Zone-2 Assistant Commissioner Nagaraj, Development Officer Chetan Babu, Engineer Dhanush and others accompanied the MLA.

Catholic Christian Association to lodge Lokayukta complaint

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (GA&BS)- Mysore Division Catholic Christian Association (MDCCA) has decided to lodge a complaint with Lokayukta, against Cathedral Parish Society for getting allotted 55 sites worth several crores of rupees under the 50:50 scheme by MUDA on the basis of fake documents.

Addressing media persons at Pathrakartara Bhavan in the city on Wednesday, President of MDCCA J. Stephen Sujith said, Cathedral Parish Society hasn't lost any land, but Staney D'Almeida associated with that Society has been allotted 55 sites under 50:50 scheme at Kesare Third Stage and R.T. Nagar. The sites should be withdrawn and allotted to the genuine beneficiaries, he demanded.

Those in the Society, having an unholy nexus with the MUDA officials have taken the undue benefit in the form of sites. Hence, we under MDCCA have decided to lodge a complaint with the Lokayukta Police soon, said Sujith.

During the year 1992, about 1,462 sites had been developed on 108 acres of land, under the leadership of then Fr. Noronha of St. Philomena's Church. The sale deed had been issued to 1,462 beneficiaries through James Martin, the General Power of Attorney (GPA) holder. However, MUDA acquired the land. Subsequently, Cathedral Parish Society was formed with the ulterior motive of grabbing those sites and got the benefit of 55 sites. So, MUDA should reacquire those sites and distribute them among 1,462 real beneficiaries. Or else, we will launch a protest, warned Sujith.

Maharaja's College students want postponement of semester exams

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (GA&BS)- Urging for postponement of semester exams for Under Graduate (UG) students of Maharaja's College, the students staged a protest under the banner of All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDSO), in front of Crawford Hall on Wednesday.

The University of Mysore has announced exam notification for Under Graduate exams starting from Dec. 28 this year. But, owing to lack of guest faculty, no classes were conducted since the start from August. However, the classes began after a delay of one-and-a-half months. While just 75% of the syllabus has been completed, it is unscientific to conduct the exams, which results in unwanted mental stress on the students, said the students, demanding the postponement of exams.

AIDSO State Treasurer Subhash Bettada Koppa, District Secretary Nithin, Maharaja's College students Umesh, Manoj, Kiran Kumar, Mahadev, Santosh, Pooja, Kavana and Radhika took part in the stir.

Children's Day and Youth Fest at Rotary West Hall

Mysuru, Nov. 22- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru, in association with Rotary Club of Mysore West, has organised Children's Day and Youth Festival Nov. 24 at Rotary West Auditorium in Saraswathipuram at 9.30 am.

Hundreds of disciples of various classical music teachers from the city will present their skills in vocal, instrumental and percussion music.

This event, being organised since more than two decades, provides the stage for young artistes to exhibit their musical talents.

The programme will be inaugurated by Rtn. M.L. Nagesh, President, Rotary West. Dr. P. Mohandas Bhat, President of the Sabha, will preside.

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NEWS BRIEFS

JSS Rangotsava Valedictory

The valedictory of JSS Rangotsava 2024 will be held at JSS Women's College in Saraswathipuram today (Nov. 22) at 5 pm. Suttur Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji will grace the occasion. Artiste and Rajyotsava Awardee Saraswathi (Zulekha Begum) will preside. Theatre Director and Karnataka Nataka Academy Award recipient Prasad Kundur will deliver the valedictory address. Wildlife Photographer Dr. Lokesh Mosale will be the chief guest, according to a press release.

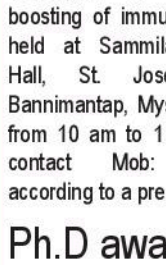
Health Education Session on Nov. 24

Gnanoday 36 Hours Club Social Welfare Foundation has launched a new initiative, 'AKASA (Aahlada Kutumba Aarogya Sikshana Abhyasa)' health education sessions. The 1st session is on 'prevention of infections and boosting of immunity' and will be held at Sammilana Conference Hall, St. Joseph's Hospital, Bannimantap, Mysuru, on Nov. 24 from 10 am to 1 pm. For details, contact Mob: 83309-76741, according to a press release.

Ph.D awardees

Y.M. Vinutha has been awarded Ph.D in History by the University of Mysore (UoM), for her thesis 'Vijayanagarada Sangama Vamshadha Shasanagala Samskruthika Adhyayana (Pra. Sha. 1336 to 1485)' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Sreekanta.

Daksha Malagatti has been awarded Ph.D in Management Science by the University of Mysore (UoM), for his thesis 'Public Perception of E-Sports and its Legal Implications in India' submitted under the guidance of Dr. S.J. Manjunath.



J. Rakshitha has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the Karnataka State Open University (KSOU), Mysuru for her thesis 'Perception Analysis of Green Banking in Karnataka with Special Reference to Public and Private Sector Banks' submitted under the guidance of Dr. R. Chaya.

BPL card revision suspended amidst uproar over fairness

K.H. Muniyappa

Bengaluru, Nov. 22 (KMS& DM)- Amidst a massive controversy over the revision of BPL cards, the State Government has suspended the process.

Addressing the media persons at Vidhana Soudha yesterday, Food and Civil Supplies Minister K.H. Muniyappa announced that except for government employees and Income Tax (IT) payers, all BPL cards will remain unchanged as of two months ago.

He clarified that the revision would be put on hold until a proper decision is made in the coming days. The suspended cards will be reinstated next week, allowing cardholders to access rations as before.

He claimed that the revision was in line with Central guidelines and a total of 3,81,983 cards — encompassing suspended, cancelled and converted APL cards — have been scrutinised. Of these, 64,589 were held by IT payers, 3,355 by Government employees and 39,159 by families with annual incomes exceeding Rs. 1.2 lakh.

Despite Karnataka being the second-highest IT-paying State after Maharashtra, Muniyappa pointed out that 69.6 percent of the population still holds BPL cards, prompting the revision process two months ago due to the State's high per capita income.

Muniyappa highlighted that some constituencies including Devanahalli (90 percent BPL card holders) and Holenarasipur (92 percent) had high BPL card ownership.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, in a post on X (formerly Twitter), reaffirmed his Government's commitment to providing free rations to the poor. He stated, "I have instructed officials to remove only Government servants and ITpayers from the BPL list." He also questioned whether these groups, which are not poor, should benefit from BPL cards.

80,000 BPL cards shifted to APL on Centre's diktat: KPCC Spokesperson

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (MTY&BS)- As the ruling Congress and the Opposition BJP-JD(S) alliance engage in heated exchanges over the State Government's move to reclassify ineligible BPL card holders, KPCC Spokesperson M. Lakshmana defended the decision, attributing it to the directives issued by the Union Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Department.

Speaking to the media persons at Indira Gandhi Congress Bhavan in the city on Thursday, Lakshmana explained that the 80,000 BPL card holders in the State were shifted to the APL category following guidelines from the Central Government.

He pointed out that the Food Security Act sets a cap on the number of BPL cardholders: 76 percent in rural areas and 49 percent in urban areas. As per these instructions, the State had no choice but to comply.

Lakshmana further clarified that this revision was not unique to Karnataka but was occurring nationwide, reducing the total number of BPL card holders to 5.8 crore. He criticised the BJP for remaining silent on the national context, accusing the opposition of spreading misinformation.

He also questioned the fairness of including individuals with multiple properties or cars under the BPL category and asserted that the revision aimed to ensure benefits were directed to those who truly need them.

Regarding Mysuru district, Lakshmana claimed that during the BJP's tenure, 9,881 BPL card holders were excluded.

He assured that while those who shifted from BPL to APL would no longer receive rice benefits, they would continue to enjoy all other Guarantee Scheme benefits.

Mysuru District Rural Congress Committee President Dr. B.J. Vijaykumar, former CorporatorShivanna and former ZP President B.M. Ramu were present.

4,221 BPL cards converted as APL cards in Mysuru district

Dr. B. Pushpa Amarnath

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (MTY&DM)- Dr. B. Pushpa Amarnath, Vice-Chairperson of the Karnataka State Guarantee Schemes Implementation Authority, revealed that Mysuru district has 6,91,370 Antyodaya and BPL cards, of which only 4,221 were converted to APL cards in line with the Centre's guidelines. She clarified that no BPL cards had been cancelled.

At a press meet held at ZP Hall yesterday, Dr. Pushpa Amarnath emphasised that Mysuru Taluk led the conversion list with 2,526 BPL cards switched to APL. She accused the BJP of misleading the public for political gains.

She highlighted the Government's commitment to the poor through its guarantees initiative, which allocates Rs. 52,000 crore annually. She assured that these guarantees would be delivered directly to beneficiaries at the taluk and district levels, with support from ASHA and Anganwadi workers to educate families affected by BPL to APL conversions.

In addition, she announced plans for 'Guarantee Adalat' and 'Namma Nadige Guarantee Anushtanada Kadege' to address public grievances. She reiterated that the Congress Government would not cut ration under the 'Anna Bhagya' scheme. Authority District President Arun Kumar was present.

Restore all BPL cards for poor or face protests: R. Ashoka

R. Ashoka

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (TRR)- Condemning the State Government's move to cancel the BPL cards under the pretext of verifying eligibility, Leader of the Opposition in the State Assembly R. Ashoka has demanded the State Government to immediately restore the cancelled BPL cards before the next Assembly session.

He also warned to launch a massive protest, including laying a seige on Government offices and the Vidhana Soudha on State Government failing to comply with their demand.

Ashoka accused CM Siddaramaiah, who touts the 'Anna Bhagya' scheme, of betraying the poor. He claimed that the cancellation of BPL cards had deprived lakhs of families their right to food.

"An elderly woman, who had a BPL card for the past 45 years, was suddenly declared ineligible. The State Government is contemplating the cancellation of 12 lakh BPL cards, citing ineligibility," said Ashoka. He added that if the affected people are forced to reapply for BPL cards, they will have to spend Rs. 10,000, a sum unaffordable for the poor. "The Government must restore the BPL cards on its own, rather than burdening the poor," he added.

He pointed out that the BPL cards of vulnerable groups such as street vendors and temple flower sellers had been cancelled, further intensifying the hardship faced by these communities.

Modern makeover for Brindavan Gardens; No Disneyland concept

Tenders called for Rs. 2,615.96 crore project; Modern facility boasts over 50 unique attractions

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (RK&BCT)- The Congress Government has officially shelved the coalition-era plan to transform the iconic Brindavan Gardens at the Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS) Dam in Srirangapatna Taluk, Mandya District into a Disneyland-style attraction. While initial discussions in the Congress regime hinted at reviving the project under a new name, no substantial progress was made until now.

Now, over a year and a half into Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's tenure, the Government has outlined a bold new vision, discarding the old blueprint in favour of a modern redevelopment plan for Brindavan Gardens. The revamped project aims to elevate Brindavan Gardens to a world-class destination, backed by an ambitious budget of Rs. 2,615.96 crore.

Under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model, the redevelopment will reimagine the Gardens with unparalleled facilities and cutting-edge infrastructure. To participate in the tender process, prospective developers must deposit Rs. 14 crore as Earnest Money Deposit (EMD).

On Sept. 9, 2024, Cauvery Neeravari Nigama Limited (CNNL) Executive Engineer V. Jayant issued a tender for the project, setting the stage for an upgrade that promises to redefine KRS Brindavan Gardens as an international marvel.

30-year management

The selected company must transform Brindavan Gardens into a global attraction within four-and-a-half years, adhering to international standards. While the Government will provide the required land, the responsibility of managing the site for 30 years will rest solely with the company, without imposing additional costs on the Government.

The tender mandates that entry fees will be regulated by Government-approved rates. Furthermore, the operating company must share a portion of the annual profits with the Government, ensuring a steady public revenue stream.

Unparalleled attractions

In a bold move, the existing garden will be replaced with a sprawling, state-of-the-art facility boasting over 50 unique attractions. Highlights include a musical fountain, wax museum, roller coaster, penguin enclosures, sky bridge, doll museum, boating, tree walks and an enchanting aurora garden.

Tourism-friendly infrastructure like ample parking, enhanced road safety, dining, accommodations and diverse entertainment options will also be introduced. This transformative project aspires to position KRS Brindavan Gardens as a premier international destination, drawing millions of visitors from across India and the world.

Coalition era project

During H.D. Kumaraswamy's tenure as Chief Minister in the JD(S)-Congress coalition Government, the Irrigation Department invested crores of rupees to draft a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for transforming the Brindavan Gardens at the KRS Dam, into a Disneyland-style attraction.

At that time, D.K. Shivakumar, now Deputy Chief Minister, served as the Minister for Irrigation and Water Resources. He, along with Tourism Minister S.R. Mahesh and then Srirangapatna MLA Ravindra Srikantaiah, conducted multiple site visits to KRS.

They held a series of meetings with officials from CNNL, the District Administration, Revenue Department, Tourism Department and the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) to advance the project.

Environmental concerns

Preparations were also underway to issue land acquisition notifications through the Deputy Commissioner for the Disneyland-style development. However, the initiative faced significant pushback from farmer leaders and environmentalists, which caused delays.

The project was also opposed by the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEF&CC), which has declared the Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary near Srirangapatna and its surrounding areas as an Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ). The project would harm the environment, including loss of biodiversity and pollution of water bodies.

Despite the hurdles, the plan remained active during the coalition's tenure. The project's momentum stalled entirely when the coalition government fell, and the BJP assumed power. Under the BJP regime, the ambitious plan to recreate KRS in the Disneyland model never gained traction, leaving the project in limbo.

Migratory birds arrive at Ranganathittu

Over 3.5 lakh winter birds of 70 species delight tourists

Srirangapatna, Nov. 22 (LNY &KS)- Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary near Srirangapatna in Mandya district has seen early arrival of migratory birds with over 3.5 lakh birds being spotted this season. The early arrival of birds to the Sanctuary has brought cheer to both bird watchers and Forest Department officials.

This year, according to Deputy Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) I.B. Prabhu Gowda, hundreds of birds of 70 species have landed early at Ranganathittu for nesting and breeding. He said that every year, Ranganathittu sees birth of scores of hatchlings and added that winter migration season usually begins in December and will last till mid-May and by that time, hatchlings are able to fly on their own.

Migratory birds arrive here in batches and in different seasons. The highest of them arrive during winter migration and they come from Siberia, Latin America and North India. The abundant availability of fish and aquatic insects in River Cauvery makes Ranganathittu a preferred nesting site for migratory birds.

Spread across 66 acres and having over 24 islands and islets including Openbill Island, Large Cormorant Island, Kaadu Hunasemara Island, Stone Bill Island, Stone Flower Island, Neeranji Island, Hatthi Mara Island, Purple Heron Island and the Bamboo Island, Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary is the biggest in Karnataka. The paddy fields surrounding the Sanctuary prove to be a perfect place for birds to pick straws for nesting.

Some of the bird species that nest in Ranganathittu during peak winter season are: Little Cormorant, Night Heron, Large Cormorant, White Ibis, Darter, Lesser Whistling Teal, River Tern, Indian Cliff Swallow, Spoon-Billed Stork, Painted Stork and Pelican, Asian Openbill Storks, Eurasian Spoonbills, Oriental Darters (snake bird), Spot-Billed Pelicans, Black-Crowned Night Herons, Black-Headed Ibises and brilliantly-coloured Kingfishers among other species.

The early arrival and increasing number of migratory birds this season is a sign of a promising breeding season ahead, making Ranganathittu a crucial hub for both migratory and local bird species.

According to the Autumn Bird Census conducted on Oct. 9, about 947 birds of 43 species including Eurasian Collared Dove, Ashy Prinia, Oriental Magpie Robin, Black Drongo, White-Spotted Fantail, Golden Oriole, Indian Grey Hornbill, White-Checked Barbet, Coppersmith Barbet, Southern Coucal, White-Naped Woodpecker, Pied Bushchat and Crested Serpent Eagle among other species were spotted during the census of the birds.

Modi's Challenges: A Rejoinder

Nehru cannot be Spared !

By R. Chandra Prakash

K.B. Ganapathy's *Abracadabra* titled ***"Modi must put India House in order before he leaves Office"*** in *Star of Mysore* dated Nov. 19 and 20, 2024, is a frank and bold narration of concurrent history. **It points to the root causes for the predicament the sacred geography of Bharat is confronted with today.** The problems created by Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi have set the challenges before the patriot Narendra Modi.

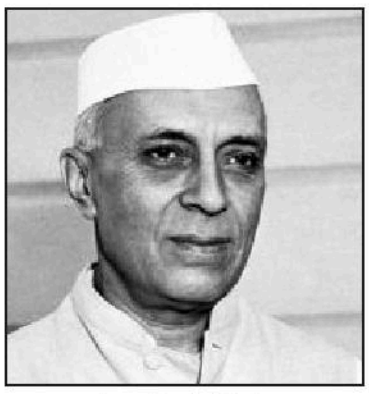
Chandra Prakash

However, the *Abracadabra* gives an impression as if the rot began with the regime of Indira Gandhi. This rejoinder will try to substantiate the fact that it all started long before Indira Gandhi, even before Independence, with Nehru, and, of course, during the entire period of his Prime Ministership.

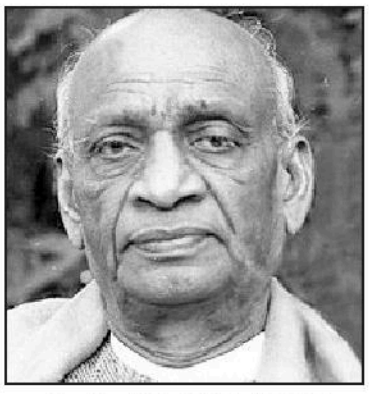
Many of us, born during the forties and fifties, grew up highly influenced by the 'charismatic personality' aura of Jawaharlal Nehru. His books, mainly *The Discovery of India* (1946) and *Letters from a Father to his Daughter* (1929) shaped our idea of nationalism; political and economic policies during our growing up period. His personal links with the British leaders during the independence struggle was portrayed as extraordinary political capital. November 14, his birthday, became "Chacha Nehru Day," a National celebration among the children. Thereby, seeding among the young minds loyalty to the Nehru clan.

Gandhiji's Partiality

However, now our generation has realised as to how Mahatma Gandhi's endearment of Motilal Nehru, Jawaharlal Nehru and the entire Nehru family resulted in political turns and twists, many of them very diabolic indeed, in the national landscape of pre-independence history. Despite proven political skills, academics and commanding contributions during the Bardoli Satyagraha (an Indian nationalist and farmers' movement against the colonial government's increased taxing of farmers) and Salt Satyagraha (an act of non-violent civil disobedience in colonial India)



Jawaharlal Nehru



Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, Gandhiji not only sidelined him but gave special importance to Nehru.

Similarly, even though Subhas Chandra Bose won the election of the President of Indian National Congress (INC) Working Committee with a thumping majority, defeating Nehru during the crucial pre-Second World War, Gandhiji prevailed upon Bose to give way to Nehru. Even Dr. B.R. Ambedkar and many other capable Congress leaders did not get their due place in the national scene because of Gandhiji's open partiality towards Nehru. Interestingly, Gandhiji had resigned from the INC long before that and was not even its primary member!

It is such open non-democratic and whimsical manoeuvres by Gandhiji which made Nehru a very tall national figure in political history. And this laid the foundation to the dynastic politics, imprinting of fake 'Gandhi' and Gandhian philosophy. And it is here that we find the root cause of post-independence pseudo-secularism and fake socialism which have caused immense damage to the *Sanatana Dharma.* Had Gandhiji followed democratic principles and encouraged all those competent nationalists, Nehru would never have been the first Prime Minister of independent India and the story of Bharat would have been entirely different.

Constitution and Nehru-era

It is ironic that the fake-Gandhi Congress today is crying hoarse that Modi is going to make fundamental changes into the 'sacred' Constitution, a fake copy of which was being flaunted in the recently held 'Save Constitution' rally. KBG's *Abracadabra* in two parts has narrated how Indira Gandhi made a mincemeat of this 'sacred Constitution.' However, one cannot forget the fundamental damages inflicted upon the Constitution during the Nehru-era.

The very first amendment was carried out in June 1951, within one-and-a-half year of its implementation! This single amendment consisted of modifications of Articles: 15, 19, 85, 87, 174, 176, 341, 342, 372 and 376. And it inserted Articles 31A and 31B as also Schedule 9.

And Schedule 9 introduced laws which encroached upon the property rights, freedom of speech and equality before law! Between 1951 and May 1964, during Nehru's period, as many as 16 amendments affecting multiple and far-reaching changes into the Constitution were made. Yet, today the Congress has the temerity to allege that Modi will change the Constitution, when in reality no such endeavour is visible.

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Views on Nehru

Dr. B.R. Ambedkar not only played a major role in framing the Constitution but he was also a Law Minister in Nehru's first Cabinet. His academic acumen and patriotism are matters of great admiration. He had to resign from the Cabinet within a short time on a matter of principle and also due to his differences with Nehru's policies and attitude.

Dr. Ambedkar's resignation speech delivered on Oct.10, 1951, "*exposes Nehru's facade as a democrat who believed in debate and dissent... exposes Nehru as a 'liar' and habitual breaker of his word, a Prime Minister with zero integrity, ability and competence but one who was endowed with extraordinary manipulative skills and was adept at backstabbing his own colleagues and friends." [Source: Team Dharma Dispatch — How Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru Ousted Dr. B.R. Ambedkar from the Cabinet : The Full Story].*

These words might have been considered highly personal views of Dr. Ambedkar who might have been hurt then, but the happenings of the Nehru-era now substantiate many of his observations.

Nehru: Originator of Dynastic Politics

In the recent past, hundreds of books and articles have appeared exposing *faux pas* by Nehru. Nehru's handling of Kashmir issue, his unexplainable faith and love for Abdullah dynasty, stealthily injecting Article 370 and 35A into the Constitution to provide Special Status to Kashmir, his China policy and many more, are now fully explained national disasters. The damage caused is not restricted to Kashmir. Entire socio-political fabric of the nation and the *Sanatana Dharma* have been adversely affected.

Appointment of his own sister Vijayalakshmi Pandit to the United Nations as Permanent Representative, and above all, designating his daughter Indira Gandhi, first as his hostess and gradually encouraging her to take active part in the government and party affairs, fully expose his distrust in democratic values. In 1959, Indira Gandhi was made the President of INC and soon she weaponised the Constitution and dismissed the Constitutionally elected Communist government of E.M.S. Namboodiripad. Hence, it is Nehru who laid the foundation of dynastic politics in the country.

Dynastic Politics and Corruption: The Real National Challenges

If Indira Gandhi was the first beneficiary of the dynastic politics, **she also became a role model for many more dynastic political parties to emerge on the political landscape of the country.** In Karnataka, it is H.D. Deve Gowda's JD(S); in Tamil Nadu, it is M. Karunanidhi's DMK; in Uttar Pradesh apart from many, it is Mulayam Singh Yadav's SP; in Bihar, it is Lalu Prasad Yadav's RJD; in Maharashtra, it is Bal Thackeray's Shiv Sena and Sharad Pawar's NCP; in West Bengal, it is Mamata Banerjee's TMC and many more. **Interestingly, most of them are offshoots of post-1968 Indira's National Congress!**

These dynastic political parties have a very narrow geographical control, mostly based on caste, regionalism and, of course, money power generated by corruption! Even, Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which has had its origin in nationalistic and patriotic origin in its Jan Sangh-era, has had to face factionalism and charges of corruption. If in Karnataka it was B.S. Yediyurappa, then in Uttar Pradesh, Kalyan Singh.

Unfortunately, in a torn political mandate, for which mostly these dynastic parties are responsible, these dynasties became the King-makers! Because, today Indian politics is no more a competition of principles or dogmas, it is the power of caste and cash.

It is their damaging impact on the national scenario which is a real challenge a patriot and an honest leader, Modi faces. However, Ganapathy is spot on when he quotes Ronald Reagan: "*Problem is not the Problems, but it is the Solution*".

NOTE: *...and yet Nehru was an honourable man who had even "offered" to resign during the Chinese debacle. This is in contrast to his daughter Indira Gandhi in 1975. Yes, Nehru brought his daughter to the dynasty by making her the President of All India Congress Party in 1959. But dynasty is inevitable in all pursuits of life. A farmer's son becoming a farmer, a doctor's son a doctor and the same phenomenon can be seen in defence forces, government service and in business or industry. Anyway, dynasty is possible only if there is merit in the successor.*

*However, Nehru must be given his due credit for keeping a poor India of 1947 united and ENABLING it to make economic progress by setting up many public sector units like Steel Plants, HMT, Indian Telephone Industries (ITI), HAL etc. Even wrist-watches used to be imported but HMT started manufacturing watches also. The CSIR is also Nehru's brainchild. He was a visionary for his time but unfortunately compromised the majority Hindu interest for the advantage of the minority. One may call it vote bank politics.—**KBG***

CM Siddaramaiah inaugurates Quest Academy

CM Siddaramaiah, who unveiled the plaque to inaugurate Quest Academy in city this morning, seen with District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara (Chairman, Sri Siddhartha Education Society), his wife Kannika Parameshwari (Trustee), Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh and MLA Tanveer Sait.

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (RK&BS)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah inaugurated Quest Academy, a CBSE School of Sri Siddhartha Education Society (SSES), Tumakuru, at Subhashnagar on Mysuru-Bengaluru Road here this morning.

Siddaramaiah, accompanied by Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara, also the Chairman of SSES, inaugurated the sprawling school building by cutting the ribbon and unveiling the plaque.

On the occasion, CM Siddaramaiah extended his wish for the new venture, by writing on the board of a class room, with his signature below, in Kannada.

About 2,000 people attended the inauguration of the school, a first-of-its-kind initiative in Mysuru city by SSES headquartered in Tumakuru District.

Quest Academy will begin with classes from pre-KG to class 7 in CBSE from next academic year.

Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, Minister K. Venkatesh, MLAs Tanveer Sait and A.R. Krishnamurthy, MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, former Mayor Arif Hussain, Dr. Parameshwara's wife and Trustee of SSES Kannika Parameshwari, Advisor of SSES Dr. Vivek Veeraiah, former MLA H.K. Kumaraswamy, who is also the Member of School Management Committee, Renowned Educationist Dr. Abraham Ebenezer, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, DIGP (Southern Range) Dr. M. B. Boralingaiah and others were present.

NABARD funding: CM lashes out at Centre

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (MTY&DM)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah criticised the Centre for slashing NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development) funding for short-term loans to Karnataka by 58 percent, a move he said would affect farmers' borrowings.

Speaking to reporters at Mysore Airport this morning, Siddaramaiah, who is in city for inauguration of Quest Academy, called the funding reduction unscientific.

The State has submitted a representation to Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, urging her to reverse the reduction. However, Siddaramaiah said he received no positive response. He also questioned the silence of Union Ministers H.D. Kumaraswamy and Prahlad Joshi on the issue.

BPL cards row

Frustrated by repeated media queries on the BPL card cancellations and other controversies, Siddaramaiah urged the media to be fair to all political parties. He pointed out that the media was silent when BJP leaders like Murali Manohar Joshi opposed the Food Security Act or when B.S. Yediyurappa reduced PDS rice distribution.

On Adani: The CM demanded immediate arrest of industrialist Gautam Adani of Adani Groups for paying a whopping Rs. 2,100 crore bribe to authorities for getting American contracts and business.

Three-day Banana Festival begins

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Other banana varieties showcased at the festival include Nanjangud Rasabale, Elakki Bale, Sirumalai, Cocous, Nendra Kalli, Poongalli, Namwa Khom, Attu Kadali, Chingan, Aatu Kombu, Chinna Karpooram, Vananthpuri, Yangambi, Jaripuya, Motta Poovan, Malai Kalli, Ladan, Kuthirai Vaal Chingan, Veli Padathi, Ney Vazhai, Dudsagar Padathi, Chepurulu Bontha, Karim Kadali, Krishna Vazha, Pacha Bontha Batheesa, Ashy Batheesa and Lacattan among others.

Banana payasam made from 12 types of bananas is being sold at Rs. 40 per glass. Various banana saplings are also put up for sale, and even coconut saplings are available at the venue.

Vinod Sahadevan Nair, who conserves 550 banana varieties, Prasad Ram Hegde from Sirsi, who conserves 130 banana varieties and Senthilkumar Muthuswamy from Erode in Tamil Nadu, who conserves 100 banana varieties, are providing information on banana cultivation to farmers.

Dr. B.N. Jnanesh, Head of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) – JSS Agricultural Science Centre, Suttur, Manjappa Honnappanavar from the Research and Development Division of Akshaya Organics, Rathna Rajaiah, a food expert and writer and G. Krishna Prasad, Director of Sahaja Samrudha, were also present.

Today, BAKAHU Millet Adda and Abhay Natural Food Processing Unit conducted a training session on banana value addition, featuring the experiences of Naveen Kumar from Hunsur and Varsha from Chamarajanagar.

Tomorrow, Nov. 24 at 10:30 am, the JSS Agricultural Science Centre in Suttur will host a children's art competition, followed by a banana cooking contest at noon. Participants can prepare any dish using banana fruit, raw banana, stem or flowers at home and bring it to the fair. Interested participants can register by calling Mob: 94821-15495.

BJP stages massive protest

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The BJP leaders also said that the citizens and farmers had raised serious concerns over the mutation in the land ownership details.

Today's protest also witnessed MLA T.S. Srivatsa rendering specially composed song ridiculing the Waqf Board and State Government. City Police had provided adequate security to avoid untoward incidents.

City BJP President L. Nagendra, Rural BJP President L.R. Mahadevaswamy, BJP OBC Morcha State President Raghu Kautilya, former Mayor Sandesh Swamy, Karnataka Exhibition Authority former Chairman Hemanth Kumar Gowda, BJP OBC Morcha City President Jogi Manju and others were present on the occasion.

BJP launches 'Namma Bhoomi Namma Hakku' Helpline

The BJP has also launched helpline to receive complaints from those affected by claims made by the Waqf Board. People can contact the below mentioned persons to air their grievances:

C.K. Rudramurthy (Advocate)	-	**99168-21631**
Gokul Govardhan (Advocate)	-	**98808-37370**
Hemanth (Advocate)	-	**99166-17010**
Hema Nandish (Advocate)	-	**99865-54557**
Devaraj	-	**89713-43040**
L. Nagendra	-	**77605-89999**
Giridhar	-	**94486-14297**
B.M. Raghu	-	**95135-11116**
Mahesh (Cable)	-	**93421-16598**

Hotels to remain open till 1 am in city: Home Minister to take a call soon

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara, who was felicitated by city hoteliers yesterday, seen with (from left) Secretary of Mysuru District Hotel Owners Association A.R. Ravindra Bhat, President of Hotel Owners Association Charitable Trust Ravi Shastri, President of Mysuru Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society Narayan V. Hegde and President of Mysuru District Hotel Owners Association C. Narayanagowda.

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (PM&BS)- Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara has assured to decide on the demand by the hoteliers to permit them to remain open till 1 am in the city, within a week's time.

Dr. Parameshwara was addressing the gathering of hoteliers, after receiving felicitation under the joint aegis of Mysuru Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society, Mysuru District Hotel Owners Association and Hotel Owners Religious Endowment, at the auditorium of Mysuru Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society in Krishnamurthypuram here yesterday.

Quoting the demand of Hotel Owners Association to implement the announcement made in 2023 budget to allow hotels to remain open till 1 am daily, followed by a circular already issued in this regard, Dr. Parameshwara said "It is essential for the hotels to be open till midnight in view of the tourists. When there was a similar demand in Bengaluru, we took it as a challenge and allowed bar and restaurants to be open till 1 am. Prior to that, it was implemented on a trial basis and was introduced later."

The decision with regard to the hotels in Mysuru would be taken after discussing with DIGP and the City Police Commissioner, assured Home Minister Dr. Parameshwara.

S.T. Ravikumar, Chief Reporter of** Star of Mysore **and former President of Mysuru District Journalists Association, being felicitated by Hoteliers Association, Hotel Owners Credit Co-operative Society and Hotel Owners Religious Endowment in the presence of Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara in city yesterday in recognition of his service to journalism field in Mysuru.

CM Siddaramaiah launches 'Nandini' products in New Delhi

New Delhi, Nov. 22 (VNS) - Karnataka has emerged as the second-largest milk producer in India after Gujarat, said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, here yesterday.

He was speaking after launching 'Nandini' products in the national capital at an event organised by Karnataka Milk Producers' Federation (KMF) and Mandya District Co-operative Milk Union.

Recalling his tenure as the Animal Husbandry Minister and President of KMF, Siddaramaiah said that his efforts focused on protecting milk producers from exploitation. "We formed milk producers' associations to ensure farmers get fair price and a permanent market for their produce," he said.

Karnataka currently produces 92 to 93 lakh litres of milk daily, out of which 2.5 lakh litres is transported to Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra. Through the Ksheeradhare Scheme, milk is purchased at Rs. 32 per litre, with an additional Rs. 5 per litre incentive given by the State Government. "When I became Chief Minister, I increased this incentive to Rs. 5 per litre, the highest so far. The State spends Rs. 5 crore every day on these incentives," he added.

The State's 16 Milk Unions produce about one crore litres of milk daily. Karnataka has started supplying 2.5 lakh litres of milk daily to New Delhi, with plans to increase this to five lakh litres in six months. Siddaramaiah emphasised that creating a strong market for milk products is crucial for the growth of the dairy industry and the well-being of farmers.

The Chief Minister underlined the importance of dairy farming as an additional source of income for farmers. He expressed the State's commitment to strengthening the dairy sector and supporting rural livelihoods.

Animal Husbandry and Sericulture Minister K. Venkatesh, Agriculture Minister N. Cheluvarayaswamy, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh, Karnataka Milk Federation President Bhimanna Nayak, Rajya Sabha Member Iranna Kadadi, Chief Minister's Political Secretary K. Govindaraju, Chief Minister's Legal Advisor and MLA A.S. Ponnanna and others were present.

Veena concert at Ganabharathi by Vidu. Rakshitha Ramesh

Vidu. Rakshitha *Vid. Sai Shivu* *Vid. Shamith*

Mysuru, Nov. 22-Ganabharathi, Mysuru, has organised a Veena concert by Vidushi Rakshitha Ramesh on Nov.23 (Saturday) at 6 pm at Veene Seshanna Bhavana, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar.

She will be accompanied by Vid. Sai Shivu Lakshmikeshav on mridanga and Vid. Shamith Gowda on ghata.

The programme is sponsored by disciples of Vid. T. P. Vydyanathan, in memory of their guru.

About the artiste: Vidushi Rakshitha Ramesh began her initial training on the veena from her mother Chithra Ramesh and has been continuing advanced training under Guru Vid. J. Yoga Vandana of Bengaluru for the last 14 years. She has also received brief training in vocal music from late Vid. T. P. Vaidyanathan of Mysuru and has been mentored in aspects of Laya by Vid. B.S. Purushotham.

She gave her first solo veena concert at SAMA, Bengaluru in 2013 and has so far given concerts at several leading Sabhas across India and also in Singapore. She became a graded artiste of the AIR by winning the first prize in the All India Radio competition in 2016. She received a direct upgradation to 'A' grade from the AIR in 2024.

Intl. Art Meet expo at Bharath Cancer Hospital tomorrow

Mysuru, Nov. 22- An exclusive preview of the International Art Meet (IAM) 2024 exhibition will be held on Nov. 23 from 11 am to 5 pm at Bharath Hospital & Institute of Oncology (BHIO) in Hebbal here.

Organised by Swasti Art Gallery, Bhagya Ajaikumar, and Dimension4, the exhibition will showcase the works of international artists who participated in the International Art Meet held at BHIO in Mysuru from Nov. 14 to 23, 2024.

The art camp, which spanned from Nov. 14 to 23, brought together artists not only from across India but also from global locations including Argentina, Germany, Malaysia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Romania, and Taiwan. These artists have spent the past week creating unique works of art. On Nov. 23, all the artworks created during the camp will be on display at Bharath Hospital from 10 am to 5 pm. The exhibition is open to the public, and entry is free.

This exhibition presents a wonderful opportunity for art enthusiasts to view and purchase exceptional artworks. Importantly, all proceeds from the sale of these works will be donated to the HCG Foundation, which supports cancer patients in need of medical care.

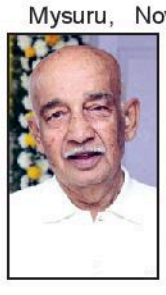
In addition to the Mysuru preview, an exclusive preview of the exhibition will be held in Bengaluru on Nov. 24. The artworks will then be displayed at the Swasti Contemporary Art Gallery in Bengaluru starting Nov. 25.

Founded in 2007, Swasti Contemporary Art Gallery is part of the HCG Foundation's initiative to promote art while raising funds for cancer care. The gallery serves as a platform for organising art exhibitions, camps and workshops, fostering cultural exchange among artists from around the world. So far, approximately 4,500 patients have benefited from the support provided by the HCG Foundation and Swasti Contemporary Art Gallery.

For more information, contact the Swasti Contemporary Art Gallery Coordinator on Mob: 99458-60099 or e-mail: *swastigallery@gmail.com / dheeksheetha.k@hcgel.com*

Obituary

Krishnamurthy



Mysuru, Nov. 22- Krishnamurthy (75), former employee of Ideal Jawa and a resident of VV Mohalla, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Shantha Krishnamurthy, sons Sudhir Krishnamurthy and Sunil Krishnamurthy and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon, according to family sources.

Home Minister hints at political changes amid controversies

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (SBD&BCT)- Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara hinted at potential political shifts, emphasising the unpredictable nature of politics.

Addressing party workers at the Congress Office here last evening, he urged them to expedite the construction of the new Congress Office building.

"The political landscape can change at any time and in unexpected ways," Dr. Parameshwara remarked, adding a layer of intrigue amidst controversies surrounding the Siddaramaiah Government including the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) 50:50 sites scam, Valmiki Corporation fund misuse, Wakf property issues, Excise contractors' allegations of bribes and cancellations of lakhs of BPL cards.

On the topic of Congress Office land near the City Railway Station, Dr. Parameshwara revealed that he had conducted nearly 10 meetings with Chandraprabha Urs over the highly contested piece of land. He noted that several key figures, including MLA Tanveer Sait, were part of the committee overseeing the issue. Through his (Sait) persuasion, the land was eventually allocated to the Congress party, he said.

Expressing gratitude, the Home Minister specially thanked Chandraprabha Urs and the committee members for their co-operation, calling their efforts a 'historic contribution.'

Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara addressing party workers at the Congress Office in Mysuru yesterday.

He shared a candid account of his interactions with Chief Minister Siddaramaiah during his first tenure: "I was a bit angry and bluntly asked him, 'What kind of Chief Minister are you? You're the Chief Minister of the Congress party. You must ensure a Congress Office is built in Mysuru, and it should reflect the traditional Mysuru style. Simply becoming CM isn't enough.'"

Office at Rs. 15-crore budget

He noted that Siddaramaiah may not have acted on it during his first term, but in his second stint as CM, he finally agreed to construct the Congress Office. Commending the initiative to build the office with Rs. 15-crore budget, Dr. Parameshwara urged party workers to expedite the foundation-laying process.

"Political situations can change unpredictably. It would be ideal to complete the construction while our Government is still in power," he advised.

Dr. Parameshwara asked party workers to stay strong in the wake of political developments. "Siddaramaiah is steadfast and will not soften on key issues," he remarked, acknowledging the challenges posed by political uncertainty.

He pointed out the recent alliance between BJP and JD(S), highlighting both its potential advantages and disadvantages for Congress. "However, they must be cautious with their words," he stated.

"The people of Karnataka have entrusted the Congress with 136 seats, and no external forces can destabilise us. They can offer Rs. 50 to 100 crores, but the dream of poaching our MLAs and splitting Congress will never materialise," he noted.

Dr. Parameshwara emphasised, "No matter how many false accusations are hurled, our Government will not falter. Even if a hundred allegations surface, Siddaramaiah will only grow stronger, not weaker. I want to make this clear: nothing can harm him."

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Mysuru District Congress President Dr. B.J. Vijayakumar, City President R. Murthy, Vice-President of the Guarantee Scheme Implementation Committee Dr. B. Pushpa Amarnath, KPCC General Secretary Narendra, Spokesperson H.A. Venkatesh, and other leaders were present.

Not challenging CM's leadership: Dr. Parameshwara clarifies

Mysuru, Nov. 22 (SBD&BCT)- Following his remarks about potential political shifts, which sparked widespread speculation, Home Minister Dr. G. Parameshwara clarified this morning that his statements were misunderstood.

Speaking at *Southern Star Hotel* in Mysuru, Dr. Parameshwara said, "My statements were taken out of context. I never said that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah's leadership would change. The Government in the State is stable and Siddaramaiah's leadership will continue."

Dr. Parameshwara, known for his open political ambitions, has acknowledged many times before the media that he hoped to become the Chief Minister one day and there was nothing wrong in it. But in the wake of a fresh controversy following his remarks yesterday, he denied any intention to challenge Siddaramaiah's position.

When asked about the possibility of him becoming CM, Dr. Parameshwara laughed and replied, "Why are you teasing me? I have already stated that Siddaramaiah will be the CM for five years. There is no question of me becoming CM."

Regarding disciplinary action against Waqf Minister Zameer Ahmed, Dr. Parameshwara clarified, "The Party President will take action. It is their authority."

As for a potential Cabinet reshuffle, he stated, "The high command will make the decision. They have asked for report cards from all Ministers, and I've submitted mine. The High Command will decide who will stay and who will go."

MUDA 50:50 sites scam

Siddaramaiah meets Singhvi, Sibal in Delhi

New Delhi, Nov. 22 (Agencies)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah met senior Supreme Court lawyers Abhishek Manu Singhvi and Kapil Sibal separately in New Delhi yesterday to discuss the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) case.

Siddaramaiah, who was in Delhi to participate in the launch event of Karnataka's Nandini milk products, attended a breakfast meeting at Singhvi's residence.

The meetings come ahead of the critical hearing scheduled for Saturday, Nov. 23, on Siddaramaiah's writ petition challenging the Karnataka High Court's decision to uphold the Governor's nod for his prosecution.

Accompanied by Legal Adviser A.S. Ponnanna, Urban Development Minister Byrathi Suresh and MLC Govindaraju, Siddaramaiah held 30-minute discussions with each lawyer, reviewing the implications of the High Court's verdict and the Lokayukta investigation into his alleged misconduct. Sources indicate the talks might have also included legal strategies should the Enforcement Directorate (ED) serve him a notice in its ongoing probe.

It is reported that Siddaramaiah discussed the ongoing Lokayukta investigation into the MUDA scandal and the upcoming High Court hearing on Nov. 26 regarding the transfer of the case to the CBI.

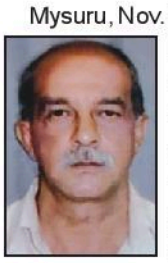
The case stems from Karnataka Governor Thaawarchand Gehlot's approval of an investigation into MUDA's allotment of 14 sites to Siddaramaiah's wife, B.M. Parvathi. Siddaramaiah had initially challenged this in the Karnataka High Court's Single-Judge Bench, which dismissed his plea. Singhvi had represented Siddaramaiah in the case.

Subsequently, Siddaramaiah filed a writ petition with the Division Bench, which is set for hearing tomorrow.

Notably, coinciding with the ED filing an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), Parvathi surrendered the 14 sites to MUDA, reportedly following legal advice from Kapil Sibal.

Obituary

B. Lakshman Luthria



Mysuru, Nov. 22- B. Lakshman Luthria (72), son of late K. Bhajandas Luthria and a resident of No. 197, Neethi Marga in Siddarthanagar 2nd Stage, passed away this morning in city.

A bachelor, he leaves behind his brothers, sister and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill this afternoon, according to family sources.

TEASER By N. Prakash

SUPREME COURT RAPS DELHI GOVT FOR DELAYING ANTI POLLUTION MEASURES
Pollution can wait !! We are busy fighting Corruption !!!

WORD OF THE DAY

Grandiloquence

Pronunciation: gran-DIH-luh-kwunss (noun).
Meaning: Grandiloquence is a formal word that refers to the use of extravagantly colourful or pompous language often in order to sound impressive and important.
Origin: Grandiloquence is a word for high-falutin speech that itself has somewhat of a highfalutin ring. It's one of several English words related to speech that come from the Latin verb loqui, meaning "to speak," including loquacious ("full of excessive talk"), soliloquy ("a long, dramatic monologue"), and, notably, eloquence, which refers to the ability to speak or write well and in an effective or persuasive way. Those who use grandiloquence in their speech or prose could also be described as a bit extra in their attempts at eloquence — the grand in grandiloquence traces back to the Latin adjective grandis meaning "great" or "grand."
Example: "The novel, a melodramatic saga of social climbing and doomed romance, is a deliberate anachronism in both its themes and its style. Its Belle Époque setting, sweeping cast of characters, frequent asides to the reader, and grandiloquence place it firmly in the tradition of the nineteenth-century novel. It is not concerned with truth but with lies: glittering surfaces, concealed identities, and foolish pretensions." — Jess Bergman, The New Yorker, 8 Nov. 2023.

THE ODD WORD

Gamidolatry
Worship of marriage.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Go down like a lead balloon

Meaning: The expression "Go down like a lead balloon" is used to describe something that failed miserably, and that was utterly unsuccessful.
Origin: A number of sites state this saying originated in America, first appearing in a popular cartoon syndicated across several US newspapers in June 1924. However, a close look at Google's Ngram Viewer, which scans millions of publications over the last two centuries, tells you that "lead balloons" were being used for analogy as early as the 1860s.
It is clear from Google's graph, however, that the saying did not start to become popular until the early 1940s, that is, during the Second World War. The US version of this phrase is 'Go over like a lead balloon'.
Example: "He thought he was funny; really though, his jokes went down like a lead balloon."

QUOTE BOX

Please hold my hand for every balloon needs a string to stay grounded.
— Wald Wassermann

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

2222 DAY

Answer: Tuesday

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Kitchen boss
5 German word for "blood"
9 From _ __ z : all (1,2)
12 "Noel" anagram for a style of weaving?
13 Greek aniseed spirit
14 Disencumbered
15 "A rim" anagram for an Arab chieftain?
16 Dostoevski's ___ ____ Punishment (5,3)
18 Detachable security device
20 Central Maintenance Comp.
21 Spanish cheer
22 Amass
25 Certain bones - "a scar" anagram?
28 Device for fishing
29 Contrary vote
30 Author Hubbard (1,3)
31 Air Data Module
32 Former Yugoslav leader
33 Girl starting to make an announcement
34 Pastoral sound
35 Amongst our ___ : in our company today...?
36 Church officials
38 Embrace
39 Outer as a prefix ?
40 Make more secure
44 Ambassador or envoy?
47 Roman robe
48 Illustrative craft
49 A phonograph record
50 Units of work
51 Mr. & ___ : Sir and his lady?
52 Guru Nanak follower
53 20th letter of the Hebrew alphabet

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

D	H	O	W	■	L	S	S	■	R	E	D	O
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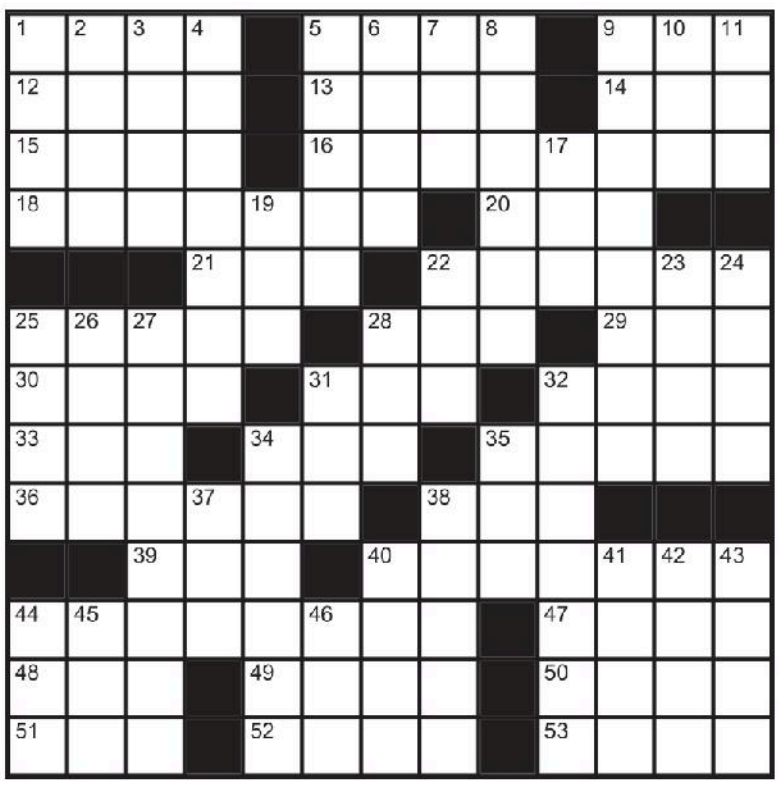
DOWN
1 Show appreciation
2 Bollywood's ___ Malini
3 Author __ Blyton
4 Lonely and sad; forsaken
5 Italian bowls
6 Linger furtively
7 Israeli submachine gun
8 Male feline
9 Spider or scorpion
10 A metal
11 Peculiar or strange
17 CPR specialist
19 Uber competitor
22 Jewel
23 ___ into : corrodes?
24 Indian peasant
25 East European
26 "I ran" anagram for a man's pet name?
27 Abstract ideas
28 BJP and their allies?
31 Old time movie __ Ka Panchchi
32 More close-fitting
34 Dwells on
35 Attack and rob
37 Rock musician __ Rose
38 Obstacle or snag
40 Chore, daily grind
41 Raced or ripped through
42 ___ on : incites
43 Poet Ogden
44 Water barrier
45 Irregular, abbr.
46 1002 in Roman numerals



SUDOKU

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Answer to previous puzzle

3	5	6	9	1	4	7	8	2
2	4	1	6	8	7	9	3	5
9	8	7	5	3	2	6	4	1
4	7	9	3	6	5	2	1	8
1	3	5	7	2	8	4	6	9
8	6	2	1	4	9	3	5	7
5	2	3	8	9	6	1	7	4
7	1	4	2	5	3	8	9	6
6	9	8	4	7	1	5	2	3

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PSW FVBF TPLUK VBAW FVW YMLNF

RLEF OUNRQ FVW FMWW.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS H

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Many attempts to communicate are nullified by saying too much.

MOVIE LOVERS

NOW SHOWING - SINGLE SCREEN THEATRES

- **Padma Theatre** **Ph: 2521923**
  Prabhutva (K) - 2 Shows; *Maryade Prashne (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Woodlands Theatre** **Ph: 2422871**
  Zebra (K) - 4 Shows
- **Balaji Theatre** **Mob: 98863-25207**
  Kanguva (H) - 4 Shows
- **Gayathri Theatre** **Ph: 2443568**
  Bhairathi Ranagal (K) - 4 Shows
- **Sangam Theatre** **Ph: 2520494**
  Bhairathi Ranagal (K) - 4 Shows
- **Prabha Theatre** **Mob: 98454-14691**
  Bagheera (K) - 4 Shows
- **Lido Theatre** **Ph: 2420885**
  Sangolli Rayanna (K) - 4 Shows
- **Mahadeshwara Theatre** **Mob: 99008-20093**
  Dwija (K) - 2 Shows; *Prabhutva (K)* - 2 Shows
- **Thibbadevi Theatre** **Ph: 2452958**
  Karan Arjun 2005 (H) - 4 Shows
- **Rajkamal Theatre** **Ph: 2423554**
  Amaran (Ta) - 4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Zebra (K)	(S-1)	9.50 am, 7.10 pm
Wicked (E-3D)	(S-1)	1 pm, 4.05 pm
Sookshmadarshini (Ma)	(S-1)	10.20 pm
Maryade Prashne (K)	(S-2)	10.30 am
Amaran (Ta)	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	(S-2)	4.25 pm
I Want To Talk (H)	(S-2)	7.10 pm, 9.45 pm
Hello Mummy (Ma)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Bagheera (K)	(S-3)	1.10 pm
The Sabarmati Report (H)	(S-3)	4.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	(S-3)	7 pm
Mechanic Rocky (Te)	(S-3)	10 pm
Amaran (Ta)	(S-4)	9.50 am
Bairathi Ranagal (K)	(S-4)	1.05 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm, 10 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Dvija (K)	(S-1)	11.35 am
Anshu (K)	(S-1)	2 pm
Love Reddy (K)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Bagheera (K)	(S-1)	6.30 pm
Amaran (Ta)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	(S-2)	10.45 am, 1.25 pm, 4.10 pm 6.50 pm, 9.30 pm
Prabhutva (K)	(S-3)	10.25 am
Amaran (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm, 7.45 pm; (S-4) 10.30 am
Tenant (K)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
Zebra (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm, 6.10 pm
Sookshmadarshini (Ma)	(S-4)	9.15 pm

PVR CINEMAS — 4K Dolby 7.1

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Mechanic Rocky (Te)	:	9 am, 3.30 pm, 10.30 pm
Wicked (E-3D)	:	9 am, 12.20 pm, 3.40 pm, 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Zebra (Te)	:	9.15 am, 6.45 pm
Zebra (K)	:	12.15 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	9.40 am, 11.55 am, 7 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	10.20 am, 1.15 pm, 4.10 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm
The Sabarmati Report (H)	:	12.40 pm
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	1.10 pm, 6.50 pm
Maryade Prashne (K)	:	3.25 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	3.40 pm
I Want To Talk (H)	:	4.05 pm, 9.45 pm
Sangolli Rayanna (K)	:	6.05 pm
Kal Ho Naa Ho (H)	:	9.45 pm
Sookshmadarshini (Ma)	:	10.10 pm

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Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	9.05 am, 10 am, 12.55 pm, 3.50 pm 6.45 pm, 9.40 pm
Wicked (E-3D)	:	9.35 am, 12.55 pm, 7.10 pm
Dvija (K)	:	10.05 am
Mechanic Rocky (Te)	:	12 noon, 6.45 pm
Tenant (K)	:	12.50 pm
Zebra (Te)	:	3.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	3.15 pm
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	4.15 pm, 10 pm
Prabhutva (K)	:	6.35 pm
Karan Arjun (1995) (H)	:	9.45 pm

INOX — LIVE the MOVIE

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Wicked (E-3D)	:	9.35 am, 12.55 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.30 pm
Aaram Arvindswamy (K)	:	9.45 am, 7.25 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	9.45 am, 12.40 pm, 4.15, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
Mechanic Rocky (Te)	:	9.55 am, 7.15 pm
Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	12.40 pm
Sangolli Rayanna (K)	:	3.35 pm
Zebra (K)	:	3.50 pm
Zebra (Te)	:	10.30 pm
Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 (H)	:	4.05 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	10.20 pm

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Lucky Baskhar (Te)	:	9.50 am, 10 pm
Bhairathi Ranagal (K)	:	9.55 am, 12.50 pm, 4.20, 7.15 pm, 10.10 pm
I Want To Talk (H)	:	10.20 am, 7.15 pm
Anshu (K)	:	10.45 am
Sangolli Rayanna (K)	:	1 pm
Tenant (K)	:	1 pm
Mechanic Rocky (Te)	:	1.05 pm, 10.20 pm
Karan Arjun (1995) (H)	:	3.20 pm
Amaran (Ta)	:	3.45 pm
Prabhutva (K)	:	4.40 pm
Zebra (K)	:	6.55 pm
All We Imagine As Light (Ma)	:	7.50 pm
Sookshmadarshini (Ma)	:	10.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there is no minimum audience of 15.

EVENTS TODAY (NOV. 22)

- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre (VPAC):** Vasundharotsava, performances by Vidu. Sreelakshmi Kumar's disciples Vidu. Sharika Koushik, Vidu. Bharathi Nandeesha, Vidu. C. Vennella & Vidu. V.R. Manya; Vidu. Sonal Jhaveri (USA); Prof. Dr. K. Kumar & his daughters-disciples Vidu. K.M. Nidhi and K.M. Lekha; B.M. Ramachandra of Sri Rajeshwari Vastralankara guest of honour, Vasundhara Bhavan, Kalandhika Academy of Arts, Saraswathipuram, **6 pm to 8.15 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Sarod Concert by Pandit Sachin Hampi, accompanied by Pandit Bheemashankar Bidanur on tabla, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** 'Meghadhoota' by Kalidasa - Gamaka Vaachana by Vidu. Samudyata Mattur and Vyakhyana by Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Expo and Cultural programmes, Bhajans by M. Devaki of Prasanna Ganapati Bhajana Mandali, Mysuru, **6 pm to 7 pm;** Folk dance and fire dance by Town Brothers Dance Class, Ittigegud and Drama Juniors, P. Kalingarao Auditorium, Exhibition Grounds, **7 pm to 9.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Agni mattu Male,' written by Girish Karnad, directed by Saliyana Umesh Narayana, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (NOV. 23)

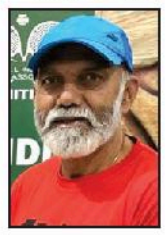
- **Vasundhara Performing Arts Centre:** Vasundharotsava-2024, Bharatanatyam by Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, **9.30 am;** Felicitation to Veena Maestro Dr. R. Visweswaran, **10.15 am;** Seminar by Prof. K. Ramamurthy Rao, Dr. Surya Prasad, Dr. Nagamani Srinath, Dr. Veena Murthy Vijay, Dr. Kripa Phadke and Vidu. Poornima Gururaj; Music University VC Prof. Nagesh V. Bettakote chief guest, Vasundhara Bhavan, Kalandhika Academy of Arts, Saraswathipuram, **11 am.**
- **Swasti Contemporary Art Gallery - An initiative of HCG Foundation, Bengaluru and I Am 2024, Itsy Bitsy, IHDUA and Bharath Hospital and Institute of Oncology (BHIO), Mysuru:** International Art Camp, display of art works, Bharath Cancer Hospital premises, Hebbal, **10 am and 5 pm.**
- **Samvahana Trust, District Kannada Sahitya Parishat and Kannada Kalakoota, Mysuru:** Felicitation to Dr. D.K. Rajendra, former Director, KIKS to commemorate Suvarna Karnataka Rajyotsava; Conferring of 'Samvahana Siri' on Dr. N.N. Chikkamadu, lecturer, Maharani's Government PU College; Honouring of Dr. Padma Shekar, retired VC of Karnataka Sanskrit University and Maddikere Gopal, President of District Kannada Sahitya Parishat, who were conferred Rajyotsava Award and Suvarna Karnataka Award respectively, MLA T.S. Srivatsa inaugurates, Dr. RaGow presides, Kannada and Culture Director Dr. Dharanidevi Malagathi will felicitate the award recipients, Dr. N.K. Lolakshi, Director, KIKS and Prof. Morabada Mallikarjuna, Director, Publishing Division, JSS Mahavidyapeetha, will speak about the awardees, D.N. Lokappa, President of Samvahana Trust, will be present, Parishat premises, Vijayanagar 1st Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Rotary Mysore North:** 'Namma Naadu - Namma Bhashe' District Programme, International District 3181 District Governor Rtn. Vikramdatta,, inaugurates, Rotary Mysore North President Rtn. P. Prabhakar presides, Rotary Hall, Railway Layout, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, **10.30 am.**
- **Badavara Bandhu Abhimanigala Sangha, Paduvarahalli, Mysuru:** Kannada Rajyotsava celebrations, distribution of books to children, sarees to aged and widow pension, MLA K. Harishgowda and Gowri Harishgowda chief guests, former Corporator Bhagya Madesh presides, Mahajana High School, Jayalakshmipuram, **11 am.**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** Smt. Rukmini Ammal and Sri Ramaswamy Iyengar Memorial Concert by Vid. Madhurai N. Shivaganeshan, Vid. Keshava Mohan Kumar on violin, Vid. P.S. Sridhar on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching (sponsored by their children), Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Karnataka Exhibition Authority (KEA):** Dasara Expo and Cultural programmes, Group Folk Dance, P. Kalingarao Auditorium, Exhibition Grounds, **6 pm.**
- **The Divine Life Society for Ladies:** Discourse on 'Sundarakanda Ramayana' by K.L. Prasannakshi, Shivananda Jnanalaya, JLB Road, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramabhyudaya Sabha Charitable Trust:** Devaranama by Kumari Priya, Likitha Gowda, Sukruth and Manoj, accompanied by Vid. Chethan on violin and Vid. Nagaraj on mridanga, Sri Rama Mandira, Srirampet, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'Agni mattu Male,' written by Girish Karnad, directed by Saliyana Umesh Narayana, Vanaranga, Rangayana premises, **7 pm.**

Prize in Karate

M.V. Vivek, an 8th standard student of Gangothri School on Bogadi Road in Mysuru, has secured 2nd prize in Kata category of the Karate Championship organised by V.N. Yodha Academy in city recently. He is trained under V.S. Raveendran.

Masters Tennis Player excels

Mysuru, Nov. 22- R. Nagaraj, Masters Tennis Player and Coach from Mysuru, has bagged the Singles title in the ITF Masters 700 Tennis Tournament held at Indore Tennis Club, Indore, from Nov. 5 to 10.



R. Nagaraj

Also, he has won both the Singles & Doubles titles in the ITF Masters 400 Tennis Championships held at Muzaffarnagar in October.

With this win, currently he is ranked at the No. 1 position in India and 26th position in the World Ranking.

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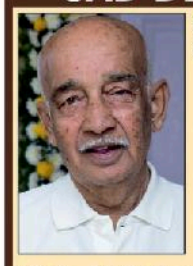

He was a man of immense humor and wisdom, cherishing every moment spent with his loved ones. The last rites will be held on 22.11.2024.

Sri. Krishnamurthy
Our beloved father,
fondly known as KITTA who left us on 21.11.2024 in Mysore.
— Sunil & Sudhir Krishnamurthy

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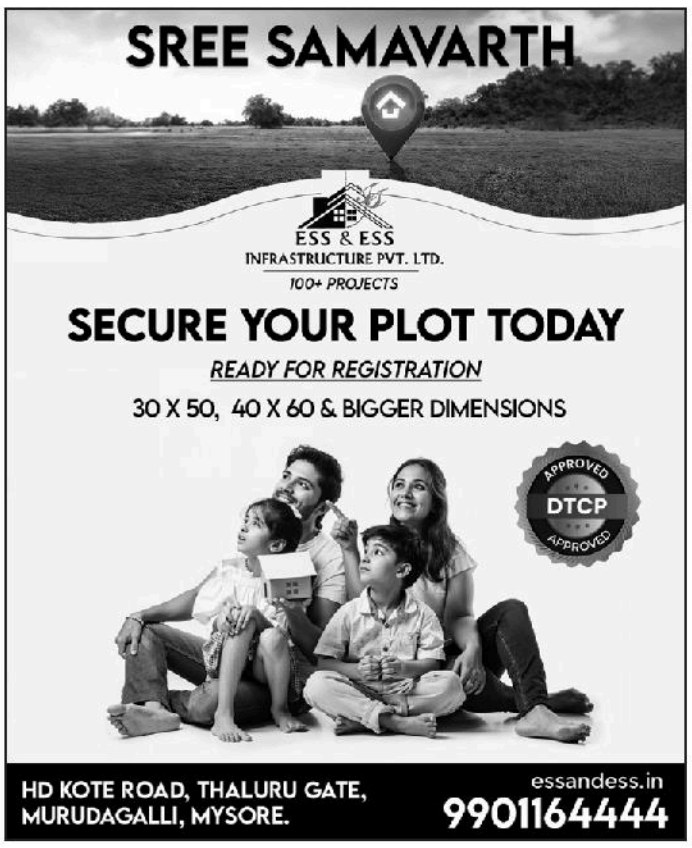

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